



CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA

CITY CLERK'S SUMMARY OF COUNCIL ACTIONS Regular Meeting of Tuesday, January 9, 2007 - 7:00 p.m. – Council Chambers

AGENDA ITEM NUMBER AND SUBJECT

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

All present except Councilman Garcia.

2. Invocation/ Salute to the Flag: Vice Mayor Youngs offered the invocation/The audience participated.

3. Awards & Presentations:

3A) Certificate of Appreciation – Terry Parke

Terry Parke was not present. The presentation will be **re-scheduled**.

3B) Presentation of the Comprehensive Financial Annual Report (C.A.F.R.) for the Fiscal Year 2006 by the City's Auditors, Alberni, Caballero & Castellanos, L. L. P.

City Manager Borgmann was pleased to submit the C.A.F.R. and introduced Néstor Caballero who presented the report.

3B1) State Financial Condition Assessment for Fiscal Year 2006

Néstor Caballero stated that the General Fund had excess revenues over expenditures totaling \$1.2 million and most of this amount was applied to the unreserved fund balance, which increased from \$2.5 to \$3.4 million. He reviewed several of the funds and pointed out that the Sanitation Fund is a main concern because the fees are not covering the cost of the operation. He recommended a fee increase to cover the negative cash flow.

3B2) Standard and Poor's Report for Fiscal Year 2006

Finance Director William Alonso stated that the City has been upgraded for the second consecutive year from a BBB+ with a stable outlook to a BBB+ with a positive outlook. In 2003, Standard and Poors had lowered the City's credit rating from an A to a BBB+ with a negative outlook.

4. Open Forum:

- "Taste of the Springs" Margie Palmer Said she appeared before Council in September 2006 and announced that the "Taste of the Springs" would be held in conjunction with the Antique and Classic Car Show on January 28, 2007 from 2 to 5 p.m. She requested and obtained unanimous approval to hold the event as proposed, with the one-day liquor license for a cash bar on motion by Vice Mayor Youngs, and second by Councilman Best.

- Recreation Center Karl Bithorn Said that fifty years ago a committee of citizens had the vision to build a Recreation Center which made Miami Springs a first class city, but after all this time the City has to move forward into the next fifty years. He said it is time for Council to have the vision and courage to make this happen for the future quality of life for the kids in the City.

- Recreation Center George Lob Urged everyone to work together to either repair or build a new Recreation Center. He would support the construction of a new facility, which is something the City really needs.

5. Approval of Council Minutes:

5A) 12/11/2006 – Regular Meeting

Approved as written.

Motion: Vice Mayor Youngs

Second: Councilman Best

Vote: 4-0

6. Reports from Boards & Commissions:

6A) 12/14/2006 – Board of Parks and Parkways – Cancellation Notice

6B) 12/28/2006 – Code Review Board – Cancellation Notice

6C) 01/02/2007 – Code Enforcement Board – Cancellation Notice

Agenda Items 6A through 6C were received for information without comment.

6D) 01/03/2007 – Memorial Committee – Minutes

Minutes of the January 3, 2007 Memorial Committee meeting were received for information.

Mayor Bain asked the City Manager to provide information to the Committee regarding Ray Stoltz since the members are new and apparently are not aware of the contributions made by the former Recreation Director.

6E) 01/03/2007 – Zoning and Planning Board – Minutes

Minutes of the January 3, 2007 Zoning and Planning Board meeting were received for information without comment.

6F) 01/03/2007 – Board of Adjustment – Approval of Actions Taken at their Meeting of January 3, 2007, Subject to the 10-day Appeal Period

The actions of the Board of Adjustment were **approved subject to the 10-day appeal period.**

Motion: Councilman Best

Second: Councilman Dotson

Vote: 4-0

The City Attorney informed Council that the Board of Adjustment requested consideration of amending the ordinance for metal roofs. They also discussed pool and sprinkler equipment and would like to include a provision in the same ordinance that was adopted a few months ago regarding air conditioning units.

It was the consensus of Council to have the City Attorney provide this information in memo form before drafting ordinances.

7. Public Hearings:

Council recessed to the Board of Appeals at 7:35 p.m. to hear Case No. 69-V-06.

The Council Meeting was reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

8. Consent Agenda:

8A) Approval of City Attorney's Invoice for December 2006 in the Amount of \$8,096.00

The payment was **approved**.

Motion: Vice Mayor Youngs

Second: Councilman Best

Vote: 4-0

9. Old Business:

9A) Appointment to the Ecology Board by Mayor Bain for a Full 3-Year Term Ending on April 30, 2009 (Joe Podgor's seat)

Mayor Bain **deferred** his appointment.

9B) Appointment to the Ecology Board by Vice Mayor Youngs (Group IV) for an Unexpired Term Ending on April 30, 2007 Created by the Resignation of Donna Dawson

Vice Mayor Youngs **deferred** his appointment.

9C) Appointment to the Code Review Board by Councilman Dotson (Group II) to Fill and Unexpired Term Ending on April 30, 2008 Created by the Resignation of Daniel Espino

Councilman Dotson **deferred** his appointment.

9D) Appointment of the Alternate Member of the Board of Adjustment by Councilman Dotson (Group II) for a 3-year Term Ending on October 31, 2009 (Daniel Espino's seat)

Councilman Dotson **deferred** his appointment.

9E) Appointment to the Education Advisory Board by Councilman Garcia (Group III) to Fill an Unexpired Term Ending on May 31, 2007 Created by Three Absences of Robert Gonzalez

Deferred. Councilman Garcia was not present.

9F) Discussion Regarding the Gymnasium (Tabled: 12/11/2006)

9F1) Refurbishing vs. New Construction

A motion to authorize the City Manager to set the specs and hire an engineer to do a structural study of the gymnasium and the annex building to answer the questions concerning refurbishment and if the annex building could support a second story was **approved**.

Motion: Vice Mayor Youngs

Second: Councilman Best

Vote: 4-0

9F2) Roof and Termite Treatment

A motion to authorize the City Manager to secure a new roof for the gymnasium using the funds that were set aside in the budget up to \$60,000 was approved.

Motion: Vice Mayor Youngs

Second: Councilman Best

Vote: 4-0

Vice Mayor Youngs moved to authorize the City Manager to make the necessary termite repairs for the gymnasium, up to \$15,000.

City Manager Borgmann clarified that that the bids for the new roof and termite treatment would come back to Council for final approval.

Agenda Item 10G discussed at this time

9G) Swale Ordinance Implementation Recommendation

The City Manager **reported** that the Assistant City Manager and Building and Zoning Office Supervisor Tex Ziadie have been working together on the implementation of the ordinance to make sure the public receives proper notice before going into effect on February 1, 2007.

10. New Business:

10A) Appointment to the Code Enforcement Board by Vice Mayor Youngs (Group IV) to Fill an Unexpired Term Ending on September 30, 2007 Created by Three Absences of Erik Michelson

Vice Mayor Youngs **deferred** his appointment.

10B) Appointment to the Historic Preservation Board by Mayor Bain for a Full Three Year Term Ending on January 31, 2010 (Sydney Garton's seat)

Mayor Bain **deferred** his appointment.

10C) Appointment to the Historic Preservation Board by Vice Mayor Youngs (Group IV) for a Full Three Year Term Ending on January 31, 2010 (Mary Ann Taylor's seat)

Vice Mayor Youngs **deferred** his appointment.

10D) Report from the City Manager on Legislative Priorities

The City Manager **reported** that he had submitted the same request as in past years with some increases in the dollars requested.

10E) Consideration of Payment in the Amount of \$10,222.49 to FPL-Power Systems for the Relocation of Two Poles

The payment was **approved**.

Motion: Councilman Best

Second: Vice Mayor Youngs

Vote: 4-0

10F) Discussion Regarding Permit Fee Increase Recommendation

Approved by consensus. Staff will bring back resolution for approval at the next Council meeting.

10G) Resolution – A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Amending the Schedule of Charges and Fees for the Operation of the Miami Springs Golf and Country Club; Effective Date

Adopted (Resolution No. 2007-3343)

Motion: Vice Mayor Youngs

Second: Councilman Best

Vote: 4-0

11. Other Business:

11A) Scheduling of Council Workshop Meeting to Discuss An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Miami Springs Amending Code of Ordinance Section 150-041, R-1A District; 150.042, R-1B District; 150.043, R-1C District, and 150-044, R-1D District, to Provide New Building Height Limitations, Lot Coverage Restriction, and Side Yard Requirements for Two-story Structures; Repealing all Ordinances or Parts of Ordinances in Conflict; Providing an Effective Date (First Reading: 11/13/2006 – “Second” First Reading: 11/28/2006 – “Third” First Reading: 12/11/2006)

Council **scheduled** a Workshop Meeting for Wednesday, January 17, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

11B) Consideration of Offers to Sell City Cell Tower Leases to Third Party

Council considered the offers received by the City and **rejected** any efforts to sell off the City’s interests in the cell tower.

12. Reports & Recommendations:

12A) City Attorney: None

12B) City Manager

- Attendance Boundary Regulations
Reported that he received the preliminary attendance boundary regulation studies that seem to be favorable for reducing the student population at Springview Elementary and Miami Springs Senior High. He offered to provide copies to Council.
- Post Buckley Schuh & Jernigan
Said that he received a response from Post Buckley Schuh & Jernigan in regard to a September 2006 newspaper article and a representative from the company would appear before Council to provide further explanation if Council feels this is necessary
- Baseball Registration
Said that Little League Baseball registration will take place at the Recreation Center on the next five Saturdays until February 10, 2007, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Pelican Players
Said that the Pelican Players are signing up for winter classes and the information is posted on Channel 77.

12C) City Council

Vice Mayor Youngs:

- Attendance Boundary Committee

Reported that meetings are scheduled. He will review the draft proposal with Robert Kalinsky on the computer system that indicates where the students live, which is available for anyone to review at the Regional Center 3 Office. He said that informal consensus approving the proposal is needed, and if not, action is required by the community to provide alternative. The preliminary indications are very favorable and Miami Springs Senior High School could be reduced to the permanent capacity of 2,600 students within the next few years.

- Flower Planting

Complimented Councilman Dotson and the Public Works Department for the flowers that were planted at the Circle on Pinecrest Drive.

Councilman Dotson:

- Basketball Program

Inquired about the schedule of the basketball program. The City Manager said that he would provide a schedule of the games that begin next week, which are held every night at 6:45 p.m.

- Street Lights

Reported that the lights are out at the corner of Park Street and Glen Way, as well as on Morningside and Glen Way.

Councilman Best:

- Proclamation

Reported that he had the opportunity of presenting a proclamation on behalf of Mayor Bain to the Daughters of the Nile, which is an organization that works with the Shriner's to support children hospitals throughout the country.

- Police Department

Stated that thanks to Chief Dilling he rode on the third shift with the Police Department on December 15, 2006, and it was interesting to learn the procedures of the Department in order to provide safety to the residents.

Councilman Best: (Continued)

- Recreation Commission

Noted that the Recreation Commission held their meeting concurrently with the Council meeting, which is much appreciated.

- Men's Golf Association

Asked if non-resident members of the Men's Golf Association are eligible to play for the resident rate during the week. Finance Director William Alonso stated that non-resident members of the association play for a special rate on Sunday mornings, but not during the week.

- Happy New Year

Wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Mayor Bain:

- Road Closing

Announced that the road would be closed at the railroad crossing on North Royal Poinciana from January 9 through the 14th.

- Gymnasium

Said that he appreciated the ideas discussed regarding the Recreation Center gymnasium. He hopes that people understand that the issue is about the facilities that are needed for the betterment of the community, whether or not a decision is made to construct a new gym, but Council must present both sides of the issue to the residents.

- Happy New Year

Wished everyone a Happy New Year and a good evening.

13. Adjourn.

Adjourned at 10:03 p.m.